

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 12-14 are allowed. Claim 11 is canceled.

Applicants cancel claim 11. By canceling claim 11, Applicants submit that the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is accordingly requested.


In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, allowance of claims 1-10 and 12-14, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 108910-00046.**

Respectfully submitted,

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